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Dr. Harmon C. McAllister
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The Council for Tobacco Research, USA, Inc.
900 Third Ave.
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Dear Dr. McAllister:

As organizers of the 1993 Gordon Conference on Hormone Action, which will be held in New Hampshire, August 2-6, we are asking for your support for a program which provides a forum for the latest advances in molecular and cellular endocrinology. This meeting, which is being chaired by myself and Stan McKnight, will emphasize state-of-the-art analysis of the roles of hormones in the regulation of normal cellular function and in human disease.

This is one of the few conferences that covers a wide spectrum of hormone action including discussion of hormones which act through plasma membrane receptors as well as hormones which act through intracellular receptors. Nine sessions are planned which will cover a cross section of hormone action. Several sessions will be devoted to recent developments in the study of plasma membrane receptors and their coupling to second messenger systems as well as the role of specific protein kinases and calcium in regulating cellular activity. Other sessions will examine steroid receptor structure, function and the interaction of steroid receptors with other transcription factors. We are pleased that 30 outstanding scientists have accepted invitations to present their work at this conference. I have enclosed a list of the speakers and their topics to provide a feeling for the high quality, multidisciplinary nature of the meeting.

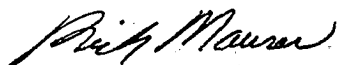
As you may know, the Gordon Conference has limited internal funds to support these meetings, and rather, depends on contributions from federal and private corporations. Thus, it is necessary to raise a substantial amount of money to be able to provide support for the travel and registration expenses of the invited speakers on the program. We have estimated the total travel and registration costs of the meeting for the invited speakers to be between \$25,000 and \$30,000. Of this amount, we will need to raise at least \$20,000 from private sources.

Meetings such as this provide a core of exchange between scientists and facilitate the progress of science by providing information exchange at an international level. They serve an essential cause and we hope that you can both appreciate their importance and would be willing to contribute to their success. We would welcome applications from members of your scientific staff who would like to attend and we are encouraging attendees to submit abstracts for the Poster Session.

We are looking forward to an excellent program and stimulating discussions. Your support for the meeting can be sent directly to Dr. Alexander Cruickshank, Director, Gordon Research Conferences, Gordon Research Center, University of Rhode Island, Kingston, Rhode Island 02881-0801. We will appreciate greatly any financial assistance that you are willing to provide. Such contributions will be acknowledged in the final program.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Richard A. Maurer
Chair, 1993 Gordon Conference on Hormone Action